**GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE**

**SAMPLE COLLECTION - SWAB - WOUND**

**BEFORE COLLECTION**

- Train on procedure
- Check requisition and patient ID
- Get supplies
  - Sterile Dacron swab - alcohol wipes - holding media or culture plates
- Label media or culture plates
  - Patient name, unique identifier, date and time collected
- Wash hands and put on gloves

**COLLECTION**

- Cleanse the wound site and surrounding skin with alcohol wipe - Air dry
- Remove crusty scabs or surface debris
- Roll swab in the interior of the wound.
  - Avoid contaminating swab with normal skin bacteria

**AFTER COLLECTION**

- Place swab in holding media or roll over top 1/3 of culture plates
- Discard collection materials in biohazard container
- Process, store or transport sample(s) as required by testing laboratory
- Remove gloves dispose in biohazard container - wash hands

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